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GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER RESPONDS TO CITY ATTORNEY ON SUNROAD CENTRUM I BUILDING

San Diego, CA: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office has responded to City Attorney Michael Aguirre's request to intervene in the Sunroad litigation by repeating the state's "concerns" that the project does not have a permit issued by the California Department of Transportation.

"The Legislature has provide(d) a further "safety net" by expressly providing that projects exceeding FAA standards cannot proceed without a permit from the California Department of Transportation," the Governor's legal affairs secretary, Andrea Lynn Hoch, wrote in a May 25, 2007 letter to the City Attorney.

"No such permit has been issued. The Department has repeatedly expressed its concerns to the City and was included by your office in the pending lawsuit."

Hoch said the governor declines to intervene in the case because the California Department of Transportation is named as a defendant. However, she suggested that the City Attorney's Office contact Attorney General Jerry Brown, whom she believes "will carefully consider any request for such legal assistance."

The letter also commends City Attorney Aguirre "on your efforts and goal of protecting the public safety of San Diegans."

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